Recognisation of Medical Colleges in Maharashtra

52. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of students of reputed medical colleges in Maharashtra have been facing uncertain future for want of recognition of their colleges by the Medical Council of India;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps have, so far, been taken to recognize those medical colleges and by when they are likely to be recognized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) With the establishment of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik all the medical colleges in the State of Maharashtra have been affiliated to this University. The first batch of students admitted under the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences appeared in the final MBBS examination held by the University in November, 2002. The MBBS degree awarded by the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik in respect of the students being trained in various medical colleges in the State of Maharashtra has since been recognised by the Government and included in the first schedule to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 by a notification in the Official Gazette.

Pilferage of medicines in ayurvedic dispensaries under CGHS

53. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a large scale pilferage of medicines in ayurvedic dispensaries under CGHS in Delhi and elsewhere because a large number of items are issued without proper receipts, thereby allowing a wide scope to doctors and staff in the dispensaries to misappropriate the medicines for which genuine patients suffer;

(b) the criteria adopted to determine whether a particular medicine is to be issued through a signed slip or otherwise; and